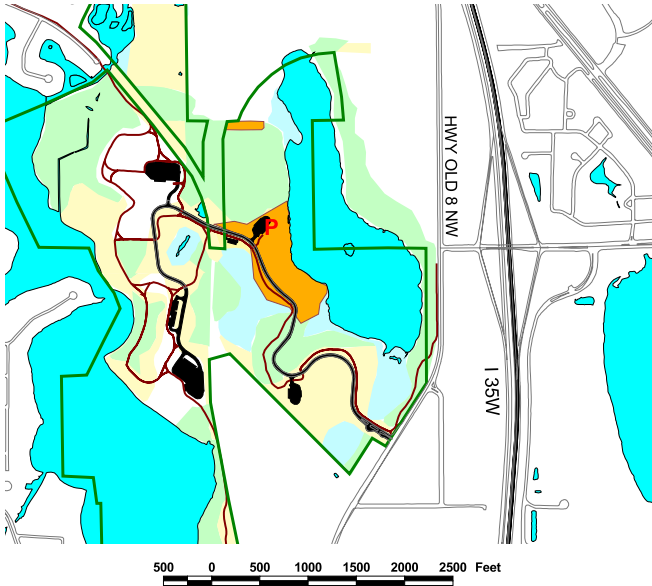


Long Lake



LOCATION: Long Lake Regional Park is 200-acre park located in the north end of New Brighton. The entrance of the park is off of Old Hwy 8. It can be reached by taking the Hwy 96 exit from I 35W and turning west. Follow the signs. The entrance road will take you through the park to the Lake. Parking is available in several areas. There is a series of paved trails and dirt foot paths.

PRAIRIE FACTS: The Long Lake prairie is the oldest planted prairie. The 14 acres were put in in 1987 when the park was developed. The prairie has a wide variety of wildflowers. There is a small 2-acre native prairie on the north end of the park. It is a sand prairie with little bluestem, porcupine grass, hoary puccoon, and butterflyweed.

OTHER HABITATS: The park makes up the entire east shore of Long Lake and the west shore of Rush Lake. The shoreline, with the exception of the swimming beach, is undeveloped. The uplands are a mixture of oak woods and old fields. The park is divided by two railroad lines.